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To Whom It May Concern:

I believe that the settlement of the United States of America vs. =
Microsoft Corporation is in the best interest of the American public and =
should be accepted by the District Court. I admit that it is difficult =
to ascertain the minute details of the settlement. I would have =
preferred a document in laymen's terms published on the DOJ website that =
detailed the finer points of the document including the impact of said =
settlement for the American public. Instead, I had to gather as much =
information as I could from reading the briefs as well as seek out =
supplemental documents to reinforce my understanding.

I believe this settlement is in the best public interest for several =
reasons. First and foremost, I believe the settlement to be fair for =
all parties - restricting Microsoft from certain practices but allowing =
for entrepreneurial innovation so that the industry may progress =
unabated. The most important point to note is that we cannot stifle =
competitiveness nor creativity while we reign in behaviors and actions. =
We must ensure that the consumer benefits from this settlement and I =
believe that they do.

Second, this case has gone on for quite a while and consumes resources, =
both from the US government as well as Microsoft. Putting an end to =
this will result in freed up resources to do other things that is =
beneficial to the American public. For the government, it might be =
diverting these millions of dollars towards litigation to other areas =
such as Homeland Security. For Microsoft, it may mean diverting these =
same legal fees to perhaps making better products or reducing cost for =
the consumer. On both fronts, the benefits are significant and =
immediately impactful.

Third, in the light of recent events, including the burst of the =
Internet bubble, the US economy weakening, the September 11th attack, =
the War Against Terrorism, and Homeland Security, the American public =
has enough to deal with. When one compares the September 11th incident =
with this case, there is absolutely no comparison. Though this case is =
very important and does affect the American public, recent events have =
relegated this case to a second class citizen at best, which is a good =
thing considering the more important and urgent needs of this country. =
Continuing this case will only burden the American public and interest. =
Putting this down and allowing the country to focus on other more =
important issues will give this country more of a chance to quickly get =
back on our feet and move on from the many disappointments of these past =
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It no longer matters who is right and who is wrong. What matters is =

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that at the end of the day, the American interest is preserved and the American public is protected. I believe the best way to do this is to move on from this case - accept the settlement and move on.

As an ancient Chinese saying illustrates - what happens when two boulders try to prove to each other that one is stronger by crushing people between them? It didn't really matter in the end - no one was alive to talk about it.

All jest aside, I hope this illustrates that ultimately we are all working for the best of the American people. Let's make sure that happens. Let's focus on the really important things in life. Let's move on from this matter.

Humbly yours,

Van C. Van

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